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Corrections News

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Director Larry Crawford

DOC Announces Appointment

Missouri Department of Corrections Director Larry Crawford and Division of Adult Institutions (DAI) Director Terry Moore today announced the appointment of Mike Kemna as Deputy Division Director (Zone Director) for DAI. The appointment is effective August 15, 2007. Kemna will be responsible for the oversight of seven of Missouri's 21 correctional centers.

"Mike Kemna brings 29 years of Department experience to this position, including 19 years as Superintendent," said Crawford. "He helped open Western Missouri Correctional Center and Crossroads Correctional Center in Cameron. He has a great work ethic and impeccable integrity. Mr. Kemna's knowledge of institutional operations will assist him in his new capacity."

Kemna began his career with the Department in June 1978 as a Probation and Parole Officer. In 1981, he moved to Algoa Correctional Center as a Corrections Caseworker and was promoted in 1983 to a Functional Unit Manager. In December 1986, Kemna was appointed Associate Superintendent at Missouri Eastern Correctional Center, before being promoted to Superintendent at Western Missouri Correctional Center in 1988. Kemna then transferred to the maximum-security Crossroads Correctional Center in 1996, and helped that facility open in March 1997. Kemna earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Social Science from Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg in 1978.

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